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Peoples Energy Services faces fine

Administrative law judge rules customers misled

By Melita Marie Garza Tribune staff reporter

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Peoples Energy Services Corp. should be fined \$100,000 for a mailing that misled consumers about the true costs of a winter gas plan, an Illinois Commerce Commission administrative law judge has ruled.

ICC commissioners are expected to vote on the ruling in about a month.

The Citizens Utility Board, which last year filed the complaint against Peoples Energy Services, an unregulated unit of Peoples Energy Corp., had argued that it was impossible for consumers to tell from the mailing how much they would pay.

In addition to a locked-in charge of 62 cents per therm, customers were to be charged a \$2.95 monthly administrative fee, a customer account charge and other charges that could add an additional 7 cents per therm, CUB said.

"The offer misled consumers, as it did not disclose those charges that were in addition to the 62 cents per therm for gas," the judge wrote in a decision handed down Thursday. The judge found that the firm's marketing materials "deprived the persons it solicited from making a real choice as to whether to purchase [the firm's] product."

The judge credited the company for sending a corrective letter to customers on Dec. 11. As a result of the corrective letter, 11 percent of the customers in the program canceled the agreement.

Rod Sierra, a spokesman for Peoples Energy Corp., said the company disagreed with the judge.

"We are certainly disappointed with the preliminary ruling," Sierra said. "It's not final, and we are going to follow the process. In the end, what the judge said was that customers may have suffered from confusion, but it did not cost them anything.

"Certainly, we don't want our customers to be confused about any offers that we made," Sierra said, noting that Peoples Energy Services offers information through a toll-free number, 888-698-1730, as well as at Peoples' Web site, www.peoplesenergy.com.

The case was the first filed under a law passed in August 2002 that gave the ICC authority to regulate non-utility gas marketers.

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Britania (1260)

Bonneville Power Administration Communications-DM-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, Or. 97293-4428

Dear Bonneville Power,

I am writing yet another letter against the proposed COB Energy plant. I live at 11234 W. Langell Valley Road which is only about 4 miles away from the proposed site. I am very much against this plant coming into our rural valley. There is nothing good about this plant being sited here. Being at the latest meeting with you on January 22, I was surprised at how many people were there for the first time and had just recently heard about this COB plant, and they are also very against it. I am just so shocked that this is possibly going to happen, how can you and your committee let a large industrial company invade the farming community of Bonanza. You will ruin the quality of life and most likely destroy a lot of farmers livings due to the pollution. The traffic expected to come with the building of this plant will be life threating to us, and our children on the narrow county roads. I have read a lot of Rob Trotta's facts, one being about Langell Valley traffic being like 400 cars a day, that is a big lie. I can drive to town and maybe see 1-2 cars on Langell Valley. I also have went to town and never passed anyone on the roads, we just don't have any traffic here. I feel if they have lied about this very simple fact there is probably a lot more even larger important facts that are not true with there application information. I really feel our health will be jeopardized if this plant is allowed to be built here. We chose to live in this valley because of the clean fresh air, no traffic and the farm lands. We should have that fresh air, safe roads and our quality farm life. Please don't let this plant be sited here.

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Sincerely; Renee Moxley

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Subject: COB Energy Facility Project

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We believe that the Oregon Energy Facility Siting council was wrong to allow heavy industry in an exclusive farm use zone. This area has a large amount of mule deer, plus many other animal species. Why aren't you concerned about the environment? We are cattle ranchers, and are very concerned about the wildlife and the quality of life for the human species of Bonanza/Langell Valley area. There was another county in Oregon that was told all the favorable things that would happen to them if they got an energy plant. What eventually happened was just the opposite of what was promised. We are against the COB Energy Facility Project.

Eldon H Kent

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